

## Screening and Evaluation Process

### Public Meetings to Cultivate Rail Concepts

A series of community workshops and stakeholder meetings are being held to solicit rail project ideas from:

- Residents of the Bay Area and adjacent regions
- Railroad operators
- Transportation planning agencies

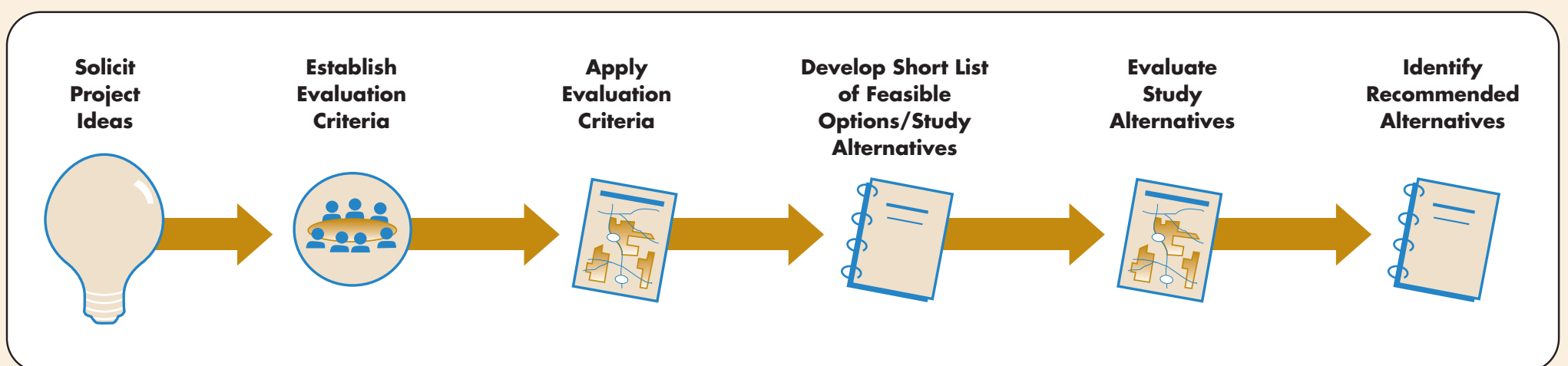
Additional ideas will be culled from previous rail studies and during the scoping process for the California high-speed train project.

### Develop and Apply Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria will be created to screen and measure the feasibility and merits of the various rail and station options.

Through this screening process, the most promising rail options will be selected, refined and packaged into a series of regional rail networks for a more detailed evaluation.

The results of this additional analysis will help identify the recommended alternatives.



## Rail Project Evaluation Criteria

### Measuring Proposed Rail Networks

The evaluation criteria should be easy to understand and clearly illustrate key characteristics of the proposed rail network. Below are some evaluation criteria that will likely be used to measure proposed rail networks. Suggestions for additional criteria are welcome.

### Draft Evaluation Criteria

- Maximize ridership/revenue potential.
- Maximize rail transit connectivity and accessibility.
- Maximize service to and promotion of transit-oriented development.
- Allow for incremental implementation.
- Minimize operating and capital costs.
- Minimize impacts to freight service.
- Minimize impacts to low-income/minority areas.
- Minimize impacts to natural resources.

### What Do You Think?

1. **Are important criteria missing from this list?**  
Please write your suggestions in your comment folder.
2. **Which evaluation criteria are the most important?**  
Please rank your top three criteria in your comment folder.

